

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) An antigen protein encoded by a the plasmid having the construct shown in Figure 1 of claim 1.

3. (Original) A protein (V antigen) capable of inducing a protective antibody of (anti-V antigen).

Claims 4-7 (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) An antigen protein encoded by a the plasmid prepared by recombinant techniques comprised of an ability to enclode proteins capable of controlling the effects of Y. pestis, the plasmid containing low calcium response regions V and H and the structural gene for staphylococcal protein A of claim 7.

Claim 9 (Cancelled)